

HOUSE BILL 2599

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of a special license plate for Autism Speaks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Autism Speaks;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the state of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued an Autism Speaks new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain an appropriate logo or design representative of the organization and shall be designed in consultation with the Tennessee leadership of Autism Speaks.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of Autism Speaks new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to Autism Speaks to be used exclusively to support the organization's overall mission to fund global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, and treatments for autism; to raise public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society; and to bring hope and support to the autism community.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.